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## Life Sentence for DUI Driver Who Crashed Into Lancaster Home, Killing Elderly Woman

A Lancaster man was sentenced today to 15 years to life in state prison for crashing into a Lancaster home, killing a 71-year-old woman who was in her bedroom, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Sun Chung said a jury found Aaron Daniel Benson of Lancaster guilty on Dec. 23, 2015, of one count each of second-degree murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense.

On March 29, 2015, Benson had a blood alcohol level that was more than twice the legal limit when he drove on West Avenue J-12 and then crashed into Patricia Ann Holmes' bedroom, the prosecutor said. Holmes was lying in her bed at the time. She died as a result of the injuries, according to testimony at the trial.

Benson already had a 2011 DUI conviction.

Case MA065673 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.